

RAILROAD CROSSING SIGN

AL-VI-B-080
Rockville Street, Lonaconing
1857

The Rail road Crossing Sign is a remenant of paraphernalia once belonging to the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The C & P Railroad, owned by Consolidation Coal Company, had completed the parcel of line from Frostburg to Lonaconing in 1857 and it was at this time in which the sign was installed. The sign actually reads "Railroad Crossing, Look Out for Locomotive". The train service allowed not only for passenger service in George's Creek Valley, but actually allowed and accounted for the area's growth by providing transportation for the mining industry product, coal.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Railroad Crossing Sign

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of Rockville Street & Railroad Track

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Lonaconing

X VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

ACCESSIBLE**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER

Sign

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

West Maryland Railroad (Chessie System)

Telephone #: 739-1800

STREET & NUMBER

Div. Offices, Virginia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Cumberland,

X VICINITY OF

Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: Right of Way -
 Folio #: Operating Land -
 Through Lonaconing

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Cumberland,

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Railroad Crossing Sign is located on the West side of Rockville Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County, at the intersection of the now Western Maryland Railroad System Track.

The sign is a remenant of the C & P Railroad that once connected all of the George's Creek towns. The sign is a metal post and notice that warns all those who cross the tracks to be aware of passing locomotives. The sign actually reads "Railroad Crossing, Look Out for Locomotive," and the sign is numbered 227.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Railroad Crossing Sign, located on Rockville Street in Lonaconing, is a remenant of paraphernalia once belonging to the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The C & P Line began when the Cumberland-Mount Savage Railroad extended its tracks to Frostburg in 1851. The Cumberland and Pennsylvania owned by Consolidation Coal Company, took over ownership of the line at this time. The now C & P Railroad tunneled under Frostburg and continued its line to Lonaconing in 1857. At Lonaconing, the line connected with the tracks of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company which already had opened a line between Piedmont and Lonaconing. By 1864, the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad gained control of the entire line between Piedmont and Cumberland via Mount Savage.¹ The train service allowed not only for passenger service in the George's Creek Valley, but actually allowed and accounted for the area's growth by providing transportation for the mining industry product, coal.

¹ Stegmaier, Jr., Harry: Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West Va. McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 142

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-080

DATE: February 8, 1977

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Railroad Crossing Sign

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Intersection of Rockville Street & R. R. Track, Lonaconing, MD. 21539

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: West Maryland Railroad (Chessie System) 739-1800

ADDRESS: Div. Offices, Virginia Avenue (General Tax Commissioner
Cumberland, Maryland 21502 2 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. 21201

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____

HARDWARE: original() replaced()

PAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER _____ BRICK() STONE() CORBELED() original() replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior ()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

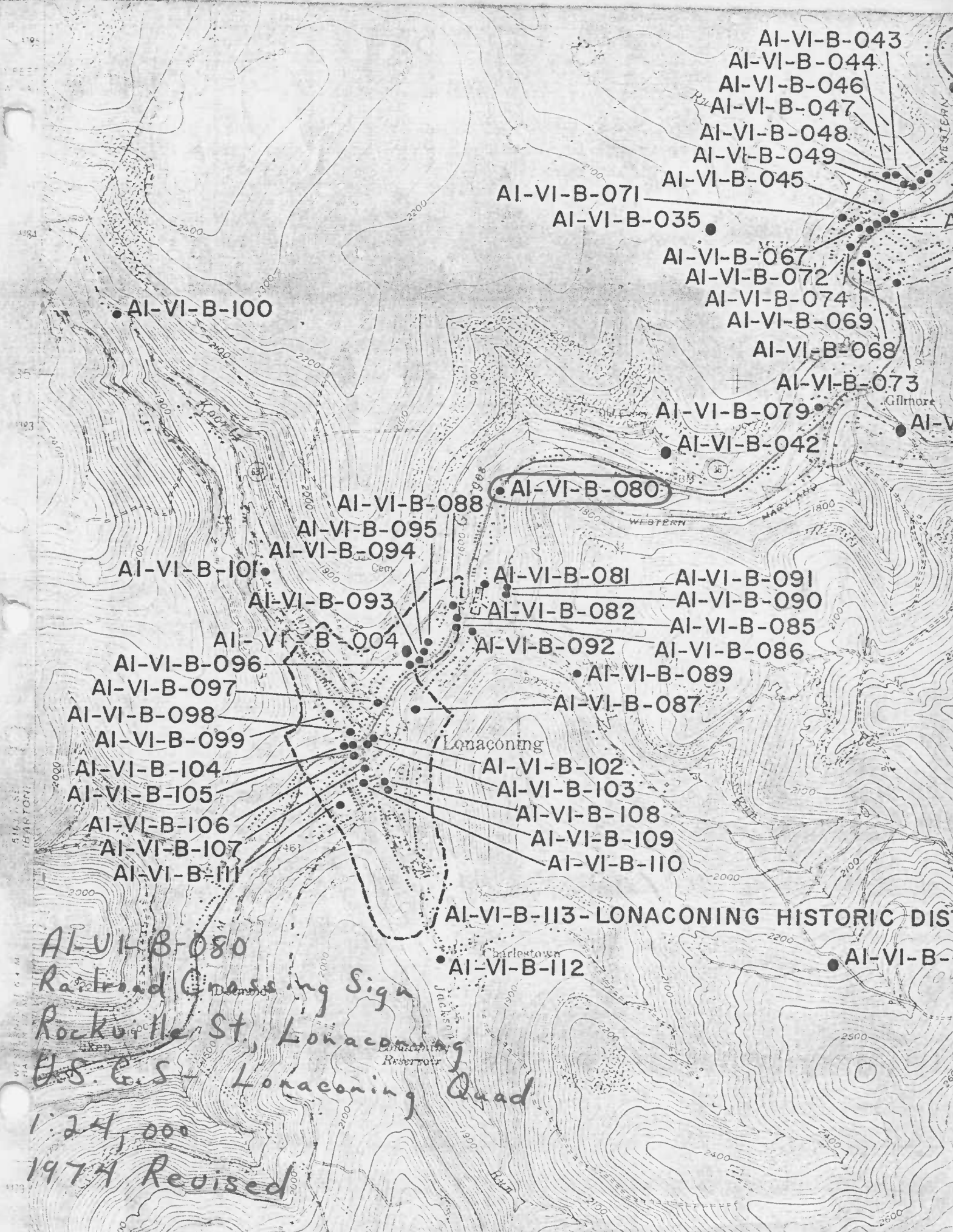
COMMENTS:

Use - Sign

Significance - Railroad Paraphernalia

Date Constructed - 1857s

Condition - Fair



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AI-VI-B-049

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AI-VI-B-067

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AI-VI-B-113-LONACONING HISTORIC DIST

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Railroad Crossing Sign

Rockville St, Lonaconing

U.S. G.S. Lonaconing Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised



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Rockville St, Lonaconing

John E. Nelson

Northwest